

HOUSE BILL 3017

By Sargent

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 29,  
Chapter 22, relative to hospital liens.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-22-101(c), is amended by deleting the subsection in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(c) The lien created by this section shall be subject and subordinate to any attorney's lien whether by contract, suit or judgment upon such claim or cause of action. Such lien shall not apply to accidents or injuries within the purview of the Workers' Compensation Law, compiled in title 50, chapter 6, or to any payments or coverage payable under provisions for "medical payments coverage" in private passenger automobile insurance or homeowners policies. Any such lien arising out of a motor vehicle accident shall not take priority over a mechanic's lien or prior recorded lien upon a motor vehicle involved in such accident.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 29-22-104(b)(1), is amended by adding the following to the end of the subdivision:

; provided, however, that damages for such impairment shall not exceed the policy limits of any insurance policy under which an insurance carrier or other person, corporation, or entity reaches a settlement and obtains a release of liability on or pays a claim filed by a policyholder or other person against such carrier, person, corporation, or entity.

SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon becoming law, the public welfare requiring it.